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THE ECONOMY - EXTENDED BUREAU MEETING, JULY 27-28

REF: MAS/WP6/A(78)2
SUMMARY: EXTENDED BUREAU MET JULY 27-28 TO CONSIDER
REVISED DRAFT OF THE REPORT ON: POLICIES FOR EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY. THE BUREAU GAVE
GENERAL APPROVAL TO THE DRAFT INTRODUCTION, CHAPTERS
I, III AND IV (THE CHANGING POSITION OF WOMEN IN THE
LABOR MARKET; ACHIEVING EQUALITY OF PAY AND EMPLOYMENT;
TIME ARRANGEMENTS) AND THE CONCLUSIONS AND POLICY
DIRECTIONS. THE BUREAU ALSO APPROVED A REVISED VERSION
OF WP6 RESOLUTION REGARDING FUTURE WORK.

THE REPORT WHICH ALSO INCLUDED THE THREE OTHER CHAPTERS
ALREADY APPROVED BY WP6 (WOMEN IN EDUCATION AND TRAIN-
ING; CHILD CARE FOR WORKING PARENTS; SOCIAL SECURITY)
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WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE AT ITS NOVEMBER MEETING.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE FORWARD TO SECRETARIAT
ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES BEFORE COB AUGUST 15, 1978.
END SUMMARY.

1. EXTENDED BUREAU AUGMENTED BY OTHER INTERESTED MEMBERS OF WORKING PARTY NO. 6 GAVE GENERAL APPROVAL TO THE DRAFT INTRODUCTION, CHAPTERS I, III, IV, AND THE CONCLUSIONS. NINE COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED INCLUDING CANADA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRANCE, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES AND SWEDEN. GERMANY AND NEW ZEALAND WERE REPRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THEIR PERMANENT DELEGATIONS).

IT WAS AGREED THE REDRAFTING OF THE CHAPTERS UNDER REVIEW REPRESENTED A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT. COMMENTS ON THE INTRODUCTION AND THREE CHAPTERS WERE LARGELY EDITORIAL AND FACTUAL. THE DRAFT CONCLUSIONS WERE DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH AND IT WAS AGREED THEY WILL BE REWRITTEN FROM THE STANDPOINT OF BALANCE AND TO ASSURE THAT THEY REFLECT ONLY THE CONTENT OF THE CHAPTERS.

2. ANY FACTUAL OR EDITORIAL CHANGES IN ANY PART OF THE REPORT WHICH MEMBER COUNTRIES WISH TO INTRODUCE ARE TO BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARIAT BY AUGUST 15. IN VIEW OF THE TIME CONSTRAINTS AND IN ORDER THAT THE REPORT BE AVAILABLE AT LEAST SIX WEEKS BEFORE THE NOVEMBER SESSION OF THE MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IT WAS AGREED THAT THE REPORT WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR FURTHER REVIEW.
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A NEW PARAGRAPH WILL BE ADDED NOTING THAT THE PRESENT REPORT DOES NOT COVER ALL AREAS THAT HAVE DIRECT IMPACT ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY AND SUGGESTING SUBJECTS FOR LATER ANALYSIS INCLUDING ACCESS TO CREDIT AND TAXATION.

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3. THE GROUP GAVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO DRAFT PROPOSAL ON FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY IN THE CONTEXT OF OECD AND APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) TO STRENGTHEN THE PERMANENT STAFF OF OECD ENGAGED IN THIS PROGRAM BY EMPLOYMENT OF A FULLY QUALIFIED ECONOMIST AND STATISTICIAN, (2) TO INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET FOR THIS STAFF PROVISION FOR HIRING CONSULTANTS ON AN AD HOC BASIS, AND (3) TO CONTINUE THE WORKING PARTY ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY. THE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTIONS IS TO BE PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT AND WILL BE CABLED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

THE GROUP EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN THAT THESE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS BE APPROVED BY THE MSAC FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE COUNCIL.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES PRIVATELY INDICATED THAT THEY FEEL US LEADERSHIP IS ESSENTIAL IF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

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